

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Riverside City Council Meeting

Held on Thursday, July 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Williams called the Riverside, Ohio City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Riverside Administrative Offices located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio, 45431.

ROLL CALL: Council attendance was as follows: Mr. Denning, present; Mrs. Franklin, present; Ms. Fry, present; Mr. Joseph, absent; Ms. Lommatzsch, absent; Mr. Maxfield, present; and Mayor Williams, present.

Staff present was as follows: Josh Rauch, City Manager; Chris Lohr, Assistant City Manager; Tom Garrett, Finance Director; Dan Stitzel, Fire Chief; Kathy Bartlett, Public Service Director; Nia Holt, Zoning Administrator; and Dalma Grandjean, Law Director.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to excuse Mr. Joseph and Ms. Lommatzsch from the meeting. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: No changes were made to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve the agenda. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Williams presented a proclamation to the Southern Ohio Consortium of Higher Education (SOCHE), stating it recently changed its name to the Strategic Ohio Consortium of Higher Education. He stated that Cassie Barlow, former Commander of the 88th Air Wing at WPAFB, was President of SOCHE. Ms. Natasha Sandella was present to accept the proclamation celebrating all Dayton Region Interns of all levels. Ms. Sandella thanked the council and city for recognizing them and the importance of Intern Appreciation Week. At SOCHE their focus is working with employers across the region. Interns are the backbone of what they do, and they are happy to partner with organizations like the City of Riverside.

MINUTES: Mrs. Franklin moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022, council work session and the June 16, 2022, council meeting. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORT: Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield to approve the financial report of the previous month. All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

WRITTEN CITIZEN PETITIONS: Mayor Williams stated any citizen wishing to speak should fill out a petition found at the back of the room and turn it in to the clerk.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

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A) Finance Department – Mr. Garrett stated that last week the auditors were here doing field data collection and now they are back going over their notes. They will then provide the city with their report. He stated the city received their second installment of ARP money. He added the city received the first installment of the opioid settlement funds. This will require them to segregate those funds and an ordinance will be forthcoming to prepare a fund recording all those transactions. He stated they just finished the paving work on Honeyleaf with its curb work. They have prepared invoices to go out to those residents. They will have until mid-August to pay for it or to have it assessed.

B) Administration Department – Mr. Lohr stated they are making progress with email migration. They have successfully moved the first group of 11 over. They will begin to move the rest of the users to the new system. He stated if anyone has issues with email and is not able to reach staff, call or email staff and they will get it resolved.

C) Community Development/City Manager Report – Mr. Rauch stated they had a great meeting with MKSK, consultant for the city's comprehensive land use plan update. He feels positive about the direction they are moving as far as the deliverable they will receive and the maps they will bring to the community in the next meeting. The steering committee will begin finalizing the vision and mission statements they are working on as well as dive into more granular goal setting at their next meeting in August. The next community meeting will be in September, possibly using another school building. They are on target to be wrapped up by the end of the year. He presented an income tax update for the end of the second quarter. He stated they are in Year "0" of a new budget paradigm with the passage of the levy last November. They are trying to figure out what revenue trends actually look like. In the first quarter, their collection was below what they budgeted. In the second quarter, they came in over what they budgeted; the bottom line is they are on target with what they budgeted so far this year. They have already received one payment in July for the third quarter. He reminded them that the budget that was passed does anticipate spending money from the reserves. They still have some budget hurdles to overcome. They will cautiously wait and see what the third quarter shows. He stated he met with WBI, the facilitators for the council's strategic planning process, and that will begin with a meeting on August 13, 2022. He has been working on the storm water utility fee ordinance and related components. They are close to having a final map put together that will be the basis for what it looks like. He will bring it to council in September and devote a work session for further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Williams stated there were no submissions for public comment on agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES

- D) Ordinance No. 22-O-798 – An ordinance determining to proceed with the improvement of certain streets between certain termini in the City of Riverside, Ohio, by lighting the same with electricity. (1st reading)**

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Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-798. Mr. Lohr read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

II) Ordinance No. 22-O-799 – An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Riverside, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency. (1st reading)

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Denning, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-799. Mr. Lohr read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

III) Ordinance No. 22-O-800 – An ordinance to repeal and replace Chapter 1503 Fire-Damaged Structures of Part Fifteen – Fire Prevention Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Riverside, Ohio. (1st reading)

Mrs. Franklin moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-800. Mr. Lohr read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mrs. Franklin, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

IV) Ordinance No. 22-O-801 – An ordinance amending Chapter 1501 Ohio Fire Code to include adoption of certain appendices of the International Fire Code to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Riverside, Ohio. (1st reading)

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-801. Mr. Lohr read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

V) Ordinance No. 22-O-802 – An ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to effect an opt-out electric service aggregation program pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, directing the City of Riverside, Ohio to submit a ballot question to the electors. (1st reading)

Mr. Maxfield moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Denning, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-802. Mr. Lohr read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mr. Denning, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

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VI) Ordinance No. 22-O-803 – An ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to effect an opt-out natural gas service aggregation program pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, directing the City of Riverside, Ohio to submit a ballot question to the electors. (1st reading)

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-O-803. Mr. Lohr read the ordinance by title only.

Roll call went as follows: Mr. Denning, yes; Mr. Maxfield, yes; Mrs. Franklin, yes; Ms. Fry, yes; and Mayor Williams, yes. **Motion carried.**

B. RESOLUTIONS

I) Resolution No. 22-R-2782 – A resolution by the Riverside City Council, Montgomery County, State of Ohio, declaring the intent of the City of Riverside to appropriate real property located at Parcel 4-SH for a perpetual highway easement and at Parcel 4-T for a temporary construction easement for performing the work necessary for highway improvements and a bridge replacement for the project known as “MOT-Olentangy Drive Bridge Replacement” (PID 112372).

Mr. Rauch stated this resolution allows them to go to the court to get an easement to proceed with Olentangy Drive Bridge replacement. Without the easement, the project can't proceed. There is about \$500,000 worth of grants associated with the project, so they do need to have movement on this easement.

Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mrs. Franklin, to approve Resolution No. 22-R-2782.

All were in favor. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Mayor Williams stated that one citizen wished to make comment on a non-agenda item. Mayor Williams invited Mr. Sanders to come forward, state his name and address, and keep his comments to three minutes.

Mr. Todd Sanders, 2026 Matt Way, stated that he is having some concerns with his mailbox being blocked every day. He is tired of chasing the mailman, and he is tired of calling the police. He stated the police come and just tell the person to move the car, but that doesn't do any good as they know the police won't do anything. He is tired of people late at night urinating out in the street, rattling down the street real crazy. His homeowner's association told him to call the police. He called the postal service and was told he needed to contact the police. He stated he did talk to the mayor and was told he would get a call back and he has heard nothing. He doesn't know what is going on. He stated it is like a mad house in his neighborhood. It is not a nice community like they think it is when they drive by there. He added that late at night the semi-trucks come down Valley and when they apply their brakes it scares a person out of bed. It is loud and obnoxious and can't get any sleep. He is tired of

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it. He is tired of chasing people with regard to his mailbox. He is tired of calling the police. They need to just give tickets and tow the vehicles. They have no parking on both sides of the street and they still park over there. He stated there is a blue Ford Fusion that has been parked over there for four months and has never moved. This family has about eight cars; they party all night. He is tired of it. He has a right to sleep as he has to go to work like everybody else. He is tired of calling the police. He wants them ticketed and towed. They do not think anything will happen because the police just tell them to move it. He wants them to do something better than that. That is all he is asking. He shouldn't have to chase down the mailman. He has cameras in his home. He is tired of it. When he calls the police the people over there know he calls the police, and somebody is running their mouth saying I did it. That is dangerous and is not right. He wants it stopped and he shouldn't have to live like that. One or two families every night zoom down the street. He stated there needs to be more signs out there.

Mr. Rauch asked Mr. Sanders to wait a few minutes and he will discuss with him after the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Ms. Fry stated the county has been working hard on the '9-8-8' hotline for mental health crisis. Montgomery County ADAMHS has been working hard to make sure they have services available for the go live date. If there is a mental health emergency or someone is thinking about harming themselves or another type of mental health emergency, 9-8-8 is a number that will connect them to local resources to help them through the crisis.

Deputy Mayor Denning stated that Night Out Against Crime is August 2, 2022, at Stebbins High School. It will be a fun time from 5 pm – 8 pm. There will be free food and swag and he believes the fire truck and police vehicles will be there. It is a good time for the community. There is also a free movie in the park at Shellabarger Park, August 6. There will be food, popcorn, and drinks. They are showing 'Bad Guys'. These are some community things for people to come out and do and see with their families. He thanked staff for all they do as there are a lot of things done behind the scenes in order for council to meet.

ADJOURNMENT: Deputy Mayor Denning moved, seconded by Mr. Maxfield, to adjourn. All were in favor. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.


Peter J. Williams, Mayor


Clerk of Council

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